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EPA Recognizes Pioneer as Processing Partner of the Year

Pioneer Natural Resources was recently recognized by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as the 2002 Natural Gas STAR "Processing Partner of the Year" at its awards ceremony and Annual Conference in Houston. Representing Pioneer at the ceremony were Wilbur Dover, Jim Sherrard, James Meier, Joe Gray and Henry Galpin.

Pioneer was the first gas processor to sign up for the program, the first to submit a plan for methane loss reductions and the first to file the initial accounting of reductions. The program was initiated at both the Fain and Ulysses/Satanta Plants. As reported in James Meier's presentation during the conference, reductions in methane losses resulted from modifying compressor shutdown logic, using a larger wet stabilizer reboiler, vapor recovery on three-phase separators and installing BTEX removal units.

Henry Galpin, Vice President-Gas Processing, said, "I am very proud of the effort that employees made to this proactive environmental program. Active participation in high profile programs such as Gas STAR will better enable Pioneer to be recognized as the good corporate citizen that it is."

The EPA's Gas STAR Program is a flexible, voluntary partnership between the EPA and the oil and gas industry that encourages companies across the natural gas industry to adopt cost-effective technologies and practices that improve operational efficiency and reduce emissions of methane. The program has more than 90 partners across all of the major sectors of the oil industry in production, processing, transmission and distribution.

Pioneer joined the Program in September 2000.



Henry Galpin, center, accepts the award naming Pioneer as 2002 Processing Partner of the Year. Also pictured are Roger Fernandez and Kevin Tingley of the EPA.

